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In re Application of: F. J. Colombo

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For: MULTILAYER LAMINATE FOR USE IN CHEMICAL BARRIER PACKAGING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 26, 2003, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 22-34.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. The claims of Group I (1-21) are directed to a multilayered chemical barrier film and the claims of Group II (22-34) are directed to a packaging comprising a casing. The package claims of Group II refer to the film claims of Group I as a component of the package. It is submitted that a complete search on the invention of either group would require a search for the invention of the other group.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions are so interrelated that they are best examinable in a single application. Searching for the inventions of both groups in one